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SUBJECT: THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIANS

1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 4 ARRANGED BY SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR NAZIR AT HIS RESIDENCE, KING FEISAL'S ADVISOR KAMAL ADHAM TOUCHED SEVERAL TIMES ON THE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTINIANS. HIS MAIN POINT WAS THAT NEITHER THE PALESTINIANS NOR ISRAEL REALLY WANT A PEACE AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN ALL THIS, I REFRAINED FROM TAKING UP THE REFERENCE TO ISRAEL, BUT SOUGHT TO ELICIT HIS VIEW OF THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIANS; I TRIED TO SET THE CONTEXT OF A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.
 2. THE FOCUS NARROWED DOWN TO THE "MILITANT" PALESTINIANS, AND ADHAM SAID THAT ARAFAT HAD EXPLAINED TO HIM THE PROBLEM HE AND THE PLO HAVE WITH THE HUSSEIN PLAN AS BEING "WE ARE NOT PART OF IT." IN OTHER WORDS, UNLESS THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE DELIBERATIONS, THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT THE RESULTS. HE SAID THAT WHAT "PALESTINIANS"-- HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH ONES-- WANT IS TO BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE AREA ONCE CALLED PALESTINE AND THERE LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE JEWS.
 3. I NOTED THAT THE USG IS ON RECORD THAT ANY SETTLEMENT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS
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OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THIS DOES NOT , HOWEVER, MEAN THAT WE REGARD ELIMINATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AS A LEGITIMATE ASPIRATION. ADHAM SAID " OF COURSE NOT-- NEITHER DO WE."

4. ADHAM REFERRED TO GAZA, AND SAID HE THOUGHT THAT, AS EGYPT HAD OPENED THE WAY, THAT PROBLEM COULD BEE.

B. GOJ FUTURE POLICY WILL AIM AT INCREASING WHAT THEY CALL A " WELFARE- ORIENTED" AGRICULTURE WHILE REDUCING THE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE OBJECTIVE APPEARS TO BE TO INCREASE THE VIABILITY OF FARMING AS AN INDUSTRY BY DEVELOPING " EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL UNITS" TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INCREASED WEIGHT OF PART- TIME FARMING. IT IS BELIEVED GOJ WILL PLAN PROGRAMS FOR GROUPING FARMS WITHIN A GIVEN LOCALITY IN SUCH A WAY THAT SMALL FARMS CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO FULL- TIME FARMING OPERATIONS. THIS WOULD BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO EXPANDING THE SIZE OF INDIVIDUAL FARMS, BUT HOPEFULLY ACHIEVING THE EFFICIENCIES OF LARGER SCALE OPERATIONS. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THIS WOULD BE LIKE ORGANIZING FARMS INTO COOPERATIVES, THE REPLY WAS " SOMETHING LIKE THAT; BUT NOT NECESSARILY."

C. SUPPLY AND DEMAND; AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE - THE AIM WILL BE TO EXPAND PRODUCTION OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND LIVESTOCK ON A SELECTED BASIS. THE RICE SURPLUS PROBLEM IS CONSIDERED VIRTUALLY SOLVED. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS HAVE INCREASED AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 11 PERCENT OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS AND NOW EQUAL ABOUT \$5.5 BILLION REFLECTING INCREASING, AND CHANGING DEMAND AS WELL AS LIBERALIZATION. JAPAN NOW ABSORBS ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF WORLD AGRICULTURAL TRADE. DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS HAS INCREASED FROM 11 PERCENT IN 1960 TO 26 PERCENT IN 1971, EXCLUDING FEED GRAIN IMPORTS. HOWEVER, CONVERTING FEED CALORIES INTO LIVE STOCK CALORIES, THE MATHEMATICS SHOWS A 44 PERCENT DEPENDENCY ON IMPORTS, ACCORDING TO THE MAF OFFICIAL. MR KAMENAGA WILL HIGHLIGHT THE EFFECTS OF THE RECENT WORLD GRAIN MARKET SITUATION ON JAPAN. SHE HAS EXPERIENCED UNSTABLE PRICES AND ABNORMAL RISING PRICES IN BOTH GRAINS AND SOYBEANS. THIS HAS BROUGHT ABOUT " ANXIETY" AMONG CONSUMERS AND PROCESSORS WHO ARE FULLY AWARE OF JAPAN' S DEPENDENCE ON WORLD MARKETS FOR A MAJOR PROPORTION OF HER SUPPLIES. THIS HAS LED TO SERIOUS AND WIDE- RANGING DISCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT JAPAN REGARDING THE FUTURE ROLE OF JAPAN' S AGRI-
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CULTURE - DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AS COMPARED TO IMPORTS. MR

KAMENAGA IS EXPECTED TO SAY THAT THE NECESSITY FOR REORGANIZING JAPAN'S AGRICULTURE AND STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC SUPPLIES HAS NEVER BEEN SO STRONGLY VOICED INSIDE JAPAN. HOWEVER, JAPAN WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON IMPORTS, THEREFORE, SHE IS HIGHLY CONCERNED THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BE MAINTAINED ON A STABLE BASIS. IN THIS CONNECTION, MR KAMENAGA IS EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THE OECD DIRECTOR GENERAL'S PROPOSAL CONCERNING EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON TRENDS IN SUPPLY AND DEMAND. HE WILL EXPRESS HOPE THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS ALONG THESE LINES WILL COVER THE SITUATIONS IN " SOME NON- TRADITIONAL IMPORTING COUNTRIES." WE ASSUME HE REFERS TO RUSSIA AND CHINA.

D. THE NEW GOJ PROGRAMS WILL NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS - NOT ONLY THE EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION ON CROPS, WATER AND OTHER FACTORS EXTERNAL TO AGRICULTURE, BUT ALSO POLLUTION CAUSED BY AGRICULTURE ITSELF - USE OF CHEMICALS, THE HANDLING OF ANIMAL WASTES, AND SO FORTH. NEW TECHNOLOGIES WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS AND OECD SHOULD INTENSIFY ITS ACTIVITY IN THIS FIELD.

E. MR KAMENAGA IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF OECD IN HELPING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS.
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